

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In Re Application of: | : | |
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| Flautt et al. | : | Group Art Unit: 1713 |
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| Serial No.: 10/055,154 | : | Examiner: Dr. K. C. Egwim |
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| Filed: October 26, 2001 | : | |
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| For: SUPERABSORBENT WATER- | : | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as indicated below. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks below.